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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHOD FOR EXTRACTING  
NITROCRESOLS FROM WASTE WATER  
PRODUCED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF  
MONONITROTOLUENE AND USE OF SAID  
EXTRACT

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Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**RESPONSE TO NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated November 8, 2007, Applicants submit that the First Preliminary Amendment filed March 22, 2006 with the application meets the requirement under 37 CFR §1.121.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.